

## REMARKS

This application is a continuation of copending U.S. Patent Application, Ser. No. 08/738,314 (the parent), which has now been allowed.

The owner of the above-identified U.S. Patent Application wants to keep a U.S. Patent Application pending for the subject matter of the present application, despite the fact that the parent application has been allowed.

The more limited claims 8 to 14 that were filed during the prosecution of the parent application have been filed by means of this preliminary amendment. The broadest claims 1 to 7 have not been canceled.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects to put this case in condition for final allowance, then it is requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Any costs involved should be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned (No. 19-4675). Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing the case to allowance, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 1-631-549 4700.

In view of the foregoing, favorable allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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